

Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2018

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

Open Public Meeting Statement – Adequate notice of this meeting has been made with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6.

Roll Call – EC members present included Katie Baron, Helene Jaros, Casey McGuffey, Jim Reinhold and Michele Rehse. Also present were Scott Olson, Lisa Shimamoto and Donna Fett.

Review of June 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes with the below corrections:

- Under Training, add “there were 6 or 7 available training sessions with the ability to select 4 to attend. Jim and Lisa participated in 4 of the sessions.”
- Under New Business, change date of Byram Day to September 8th (from September 9th).

Motion to accept amended minutes was made by Katie and seconded by Lisa.

Committee/Council Reports:

- Recreation – no report available for the July 18 meeting
- Open Space – next meeting will be held August 13. Scott also reported that the Carl Johnson purchase was completed.
- MWA – Michelle reported that:
 - MWA is putting up Wild & Scenic River identification signs at county owned rivers. It was suggested that Lubbers Run would be a good spot to have a sign.
 - MWA is holding a Wild & Scenic Film Fest at Centenary College on Sept. 9th. They are requesting support in the form of a donation or a group to sponsor a table. EC members noted that the rain date of Byram Day is September 9th and cannot commit to manning a table. A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Michelle to donate \$50 to support this event.
 - MWA is working on getting waterway access points on trail maps.

New Business:

- Review of Draft Summer Mailing – Township management advised that due to recent stormwater (SW) regulatory changes, the letter needs to focus on our SW management program. EC members reviewed the draft letter and had the following comments:
 - On page 1, under Pet Waste, provide details on how to dispose of solid pet waste
 - On page 2, under Illicit Connections, change “avoid” to “avoided”

- SW Management Points Program – The Township is now required to obtain 12 points annually (which is an increase of 2 points from previous years). Many have been obtained already, but EC support is needed to obtain the remainder.
 - Distribute a Promotional Item - One requirement of the points program is to distribute an item with a SW related message. DPW Superintendent would like EC to select 2 or 3 items to purchase for distribution at Byram Day. Items to consider include a pen made from recycled water bottle, temporary tattoos with recycling message and/or silicone wristbands. Clean Community Funds would be used for this purchase. EC members suggested to purchase the pens and temporary tattoos.
 - Educational Contest for Schools – Another requirement is to “organize an educational contest with a local school to design a poster, magnet, rainstick or other craft/art object.” If EC would like to pursue this, an EC member point of contact would be needed. This would need to be done by end of 2018. If EC would not like to pursue this, a scout clean-up at a local park or water-way will be coordinated instead. EC prefers to do a scout clean-up in the Fall. Members brainstormed potential clean-up areas including C.O. Johnson Field (preferred) and the dam by Johnson Lake. Scout Liaisons will coordinate this with DPW.

- Review of ANJEC’s Single Use Plastic Bag Resolution to support Governor Murphy’s ban – a draft resolution provided by ANJEC was reviewed. Jim questioned ANJEC’s inclusion of the last sentence, “... with a fee on reusable and recycled paper bags”. He was curious why the resolution included paper bags. ANJEC will be contacted to inquire the purpose of this. Scott will remove the “with a fee on reusable and recycled paper bags” portion and discuss this at the next Council meeting. EC would like to support this even if Council does not wish to do so.

Ongoing Business:

- Byram Day Planning – Saturday, September 8th
 - Confirmed EC’s theme will be Recycling
 - A Trex collection bin will be available for soft plastic film recycling. If residents bring in soft film (ex. bags) they could obtain a re-useable bag. This would need to be advertised prior to the event. Samples of re-useable bags were reviewed and a motion to purchase 250 blue bags was made by Michelle and seconded by Katie.
 - A poster of the Trex benches already earned will be made, along with samples of Trex material.
 - Members reviewed and approved the distribution of Clean Rainers Materials (Activity Book, Coloring Book and Stickers). 50 sets were obtained from NJ at no charge.
 - Members reviewed the poster that Lisa created. It provided a great deal of information on the different types of plastic items which be recycled, identified the plastics by their associated recyclable # and what they were comprised of, etc.

- Lisa described an associated game to do at the booth. Various items would be at the EC booth. Some would be recyclable and others would be trash. Children would need to determine if the items are recyclable or trash and discard them in the appropriate container. Children who did it correctly could earn a lollipop. Members thought this would be a great activity.
- Pens and temporary tattoos would be distributed along with the Clean Raingers materials and various recycling information including SCMUA brochures.
- Schedule work shifts (2 hrs. each). Set up begins at 9am, with cars needed to be off the field by 11am. The event begins at 12, break-down at 5. Helene, Lisa and Scott may be available to fill spots when needed. Members committed to the below schedule:

9am – 11am / Set-Up – Jim
 12pm – 2pm – Michelle & Katie
 2/3pm – 4/5pm – Eric
 Clean-up – Helene

- Arbor Day Tree Planting – obtained approval from Twp. management to plant the tree in the Fall and awaiting revised quote from Cerbo on the 7-8’ Norway Spruce tree.
- Lenape Valley’s Environmental Club (Go Green) – continued to brainstorm the possibility of student participation in EC meetings. EC suggested to invite a representative to join our booth for Byram Day, add them to our distribution for the Scout Fall Clean-Up day and invite them to join us for potential table at Hudson Farms’ charity walk (Oct. 13th).
- EC Advertising - review Social Media Options. This topic was very briefly discussed and will be tabled till next month.

Planning Board Applications:

- Review of Tomahawk Lake – additional documentation from applicant’s engineer for Treatment Works Plan was reviewed. EC had no additional comments other than what was previously submitted.
- Engelmann, Peter and Michelle – 12 Rosemarie Lane – applicant requesting variance for rear yard setback and setback to a body of water to construct a landing and stairs to a single family dwelling on lake front property (Panther Lake). EC members had the following comment: As the property is lakefront, please adhere to the Township zoning ordinance (Chapter 240) on the need to establish a vegetative buffer 10’ wide covering at least 80% of the shoreline, with special required plantings.

Training:

Online Stormwater Training – members were reminded to let Secretary know if they take the training.

Expenditures and Budget:

\$1902 remaining – awaiting revised Cerbo quote for Arbor Day tree. The revised quote appears to have included a \$50 delivery charge which was not included in the original estimate. Jim will follow-up with Cerbo.

Other - Members were asked if anyone had the EC banner which was used at previous Byram Day events. Secretary was requested to follow-up with Doris on the location of the 10x10 pop-up tents.

Next Meeting – August 23, 2018

Adjourn – Motion was made by Michelle, seconded by Helene to adjourn at 9:20pm.